

Q1 side skins 24, 26, 30, 34 extend vertically. As clearly shown by Fig. 1, outside skins 24, 30 are different sections of a continuous single skin that extends from the bottom edge 22 up to the top skin 32. Inside skin 34 is offset outwardly from inside skin 36. Webs 28 and edge walls 20, 22 divide the space that is laterally between the side skins 24, 26 into horizontally elongated spaces 40. Webs 38 define the space that is laterally between skins 30, 34 into three spaces 42. Spaces 40, 42 are horizontally elongated spaces. As previously described, the top panel section 10 is a one-piece extrusion. It is preferably formed from a metal that is predominately aluminum.--

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q2 --Bottom panel section 14 is also a continuous single piece extrusion. It is formed of outside and inside skins 56, 58 that are in separate, parallel vertical planes. The space between the skins 56, 58 is divided into smaller spaces by horizontal webs 60. Webs 60 divide the larger space into smaller spaces or cells 62. Bottom panel section 14 includes a top edge wall 68 and a bottom edge wall 70. It also includes the aforementioned side rail 18. In this embodiment, the side rail 18 has an inner wall 72 that includes the inside skin 58 plus some additional thickness. It also includes a top wall 74, an inside wall 76, and a bottom wall 78. Walls 74, 76, 78 are substantially equal in thickness. Wall 72 has a thickness that is substantially the sum of the thickness of walls 76 and the skin 58.--

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q3 --As shown by Fig. 7, the skin portion 94 is thicker than the skin portions 56, 58. It is thick enough to allow the end

portion of beams 98 to be welded to the skin portions 94. The side rail 18 is also made thick enough so that it can be welded to the top flanges of the transverse beams 98.--

In the Claims

Amend claims 1, 4, 5, and 13 as follows:

1. A truck/trailer box sidewall, comprising:

a horizontally elongated bottom sidewall panel having a top edge, a bottom edge, inside and outside, vertical side skins, and a plurality of vertically spaced apart, horizontal webs interconnecting the side skins vertically between the top and bottom edges;

said side skins and said webs together defining a plurality of horizontally elongated inner spaces in said bottom sidewall panel, each said inner space being defined horizontally between the two side skins and vertically between two webs;

a horizontally elongated upper side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall panel at a location spaced above the bottom edge;

a horizontally elongated lower side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall at a location adjacent the bottom edge, wherein the two side rails and the lower side surface of the inside side skin that extends downwardly from the upper side rail to the lower side rail form a channel shaped nook adapted to receive an end portion of transverse beams that are a part of a bottom for the truck/trailer box; and

wherein the top and bottom edges, the inside and outside vertical side skins, the horizontal webs and the side rail are all portions of a common extrusion.

3. The truck/trailer box sidewall of claim 1, wherein the upper side rail has a concave upper surface.